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CHEROKEE NATION.

LETTER

FROM

LEWIS DOWNING, PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION,

INCLOSING

*Petitions of numbers of various tribes against a proposed territorial gov-
ernment over them.*

MARCH 8, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be
printed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8, 1870.

SIR: Herewith we have the honor of presenting through you to the honorable the Congress of the United States, petitions signed by the qualified voters of Tahlequah, Cooieskooie, and Going Snake districts of our nation. Petitions from the other six districts of the Cherokees, we are advised, will be transmitted in a few days. These petitions have been circulated among the Cherokee people, and it will be seen that they are based upon the right of petition secured to the Cherokees by their treaty of 1846 with the United States, and set forth substantially the objections of the Cherokee people to any territorial form of government over them that Congress may devise, other than the international government provided by the treaty of 1866 between the United States and the Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Chickasaws, and Choctaws, to consist of a general council, the genius and character of which are clearly defined in said treaties. In the name of the Cherokee people, we ask that these petitions receive respectful consideration, and we feel that it is our duty to add that the people of the Indian nations of the south-west are unanimous in their aversion to the proposed territorial government.

We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient, humble servants,

LEWIS DOWNING,
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation,
SAM'L SMITH,
ARCHIE SCRAPER,
J. P. DAVIS,
C. N. VANN,
W. P. ADAIR.
Cherokee Delegation.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 9, 1870.

GENTLEMEN: It has come to our knowledge that it is seriously proposed to introduce in the Congress of the United States, measures having for their object the placing the various Indian tribes and nations of the southwest under a territorial government other than the general council provided for by the treaties of 1866.

We need not remind you that the establishment of such a government over us would work our certain and speedy extinction by subjecting us to the absolute rule of a people foreign to us in blood, language, customs, traditions, and interests, who would speedily possess themselves of our homes, degrade us in our own estimation, and leave us a prey to the politicians and land speculators, thus destroying the unity of our race and producing national disintegration.

We have received the above information with apprehension and serious alarm, regarding, as we do, the above policy, if adopted by Congress, as the prelude to our funeral march to the grave, and we enter our solemn, deliberate, unanimous protest against the consummation of so unjust, oppressive, and cruel a measure, calling on all the various Indian tribes and nations of the southwest to cooperate with us in resisting such measures by all lawful, peaceful, and honorable means at their command.

We do not believe, however, that a majority of the Congress of the United States would be found to sanction a scheme calculated to prove so destructive to us as a people, so subversive of the policy of the United States government from its earliest dealings with the Indians, and the inevitable tendency of which would be to blot us out of existence, both as a people and as individuals.

We hereby proclaim ourselves the friends of the United States government; that we are ready to defend it with our lives, if necessary; that all we ask is that its legislative body will not forget that we hold our lands in fee simple, by letters patent from the President of the United States; that those lands were bought and paid for in cash and in exchange for lands deemed more desirable by the United States; and that our national character is recognized and confirmed again and again by the highest laws known to political societies, namely, treaties; which guarantee that the jurisdiction of no State or Territory of the United States shall ever be placed over us without our consent. All we ask that good faith and justice be shown to us, and that a policy may not be adopted toward us which would be productive only of evil, and which could never be practically enforced without our utter destruction.

We know that we are but few in numbers and weak, while the people of the United States are many and strong, and we appeal to their greatness and magnanimity to spare us from a forced extinction. We had been "moving on" for generations, and hoped when we settled here that we had at length found a place of rest, and that our council fires would burn as brightly west of the Father of Waters as they had done centuries ago on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Like the people of the United States, we are men created by the same God, and accountable to Him for our acts, and we beseech our white brethren not to stir up strife which would result in depriving us of every remaining right and guarantee now enjoyed by us. The doctrine that irresistible destiny requires our national extinction, and with it our annihilation as individuals, is abhorrent to the feelings of a common humanity, and we implore the people and government of the United

States not to precipitate our fate by doing violence, not only to solemn treaty stipulations, but to the laws of nature and of nature's God!

Finally, in the exercise of the right of petition "for the redress of grievances and the discussion of rights," guaranteed to us by article second, treaty of 1846, we hereby request you, as our chief and as our national delegates at the city of Washington, to place this our respectful remonstrance against the policy foreshadowed by the information which has reached us, before the President of the United States and heads of the executive departments, and before the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

With great respect and confidence in your fidelity and patriotism, we are, gentlemen, very sincerely yours, &c.,

Nathaniel Fish, ch'n.	Ned Oo-ge-Scale.	Jeff. Balen.
Rufus Ross, secretary.	Tooltun Feeling.	Ezekiel Tucker.
Lewis A. Ross.	John Towsy.	Joe Keener.
Will P. Fields.	High.	James Downing.
John Meigs.	Johnson Fileds.	Money Hunter.
Stephen F. Wade.	Charles Cockrun.	Robbin Payne.
Warren Miller.	William Woodall.	Price Cochran.
W. P. McCay.	John Gladney.	Cul-sa-te-be.
O. P. Daniel.	Hunter Brown.	Joe Hozey.
James Timson.	William Downing.	Thomas Sequoyah.
John Hendricks.	Wilkerson Parish.	Major Shade.
George W. Ross.	Nutun Hubard.	Moses Catcher.
M. P. Turner.	Alfred McCay.	George Still, jr.
Henry Lamrey.	Joseph Gladney.	Jacob Henson.
J. Gladney.	Joshua Robbins.	Jumper Blackburn.
James Mehlin.	Lewis Miller.	Houston.
W. W. Ross.	George Fauman.	Flea Downing.
Arch. Cockran.	Hirun Moodey.	Peter Downing.
Looney Cockran.	W. S. G. Miller.	Tarapin.
David Williams.	Thomas Carlile.	Pumpkin Pile.
Water Falling.	Robert R. Meigs.	James P. Pile.
Robert McPhirson.	Tuylet Margan.	Charley.
Aaron Bible.	John Wicket.	Dah-te-stah.
Jash Robbin.	George Arsene.	Barney Hughs.
Tular Mayes.	Silas D. Ross.	Ezekiel Hughs.
John Scilate.	Lawyer.	Car-lun.
John Hicks.	T. P. Wolfe.	Lewis Still.
William Brown.	J. B. Jones.	Joe Downing.
Benjamin Robins.	Joseph Hendricks.	Bar Pettit.
Joe Sparrowhawk.	William Batey.	Jesse Johnson.
W. H. Turner.	George Runabout.	Joe Keener.
Coburn Cardrey.	Noah Parrish.	Dah-ya-la-ru.
Lewis Cardrey.	Harison Williams.	Levi.
Chuir.	R. A. Reese.	Ned Wofford.
Tom Tee-her.	Eli Spears.	Squirrel Carey.
Simon Sanders.	John Sequoyah.	George Downing.
Jack Roberson.	John Hill.	Dick Carey.
Looney McClain.	Tah-se-ke-yar-ke.	Tosel Nole.
Hog Shooter.	George.	Little Bird.
Johnson Proctor.	Joseph Vann.	Ben Catcher.
George Fox.	Drum Fish.	Daniel Keener.
George Claw-Star-Mer.	Benjamin Fish.	Charly Henson.

John.	Wilson Sanders.	Thomas Smith.
Alex. Bird Chopper.	Mike Carey.	James Smith.
John More.	George P. Pile.	Chu-lío.
Spirit Sequoyah.	Tah-la-lah.	Ezekiel.
J. Downing.	Lucy Hawk.	C. H. Taylor.
Chickry.	Hawk.	Allen Ross.
Good Money.	Path Killer.	Arch. McCarty.
Daniel Blackfox.	Adam Hawk.	Crow.
Abram Belard.	Car-la-ne-tah.	Ool-scar-stee.
George Still.	William Woodall.	George Deninwater.
Jackson R. Conrad.	Rattling Gourd.	Cunsene.
Jesse Radman.	Aaron Terrill.	Ned Lowry.
John Wilkinson.	John Ragsdale.	Human Passing.
Flying.	Taylor Parris.	Alonzo Cullin.
Jesse.	Frank Woods.	Board.
Joseph Sourjohn.	Green Parriss.	Live Fish.
Wildcat.	Moses Cochran.	L. B. Williams.
Johnson James.	Samuel Bingo.	Joe Phurish.
Wash.	Ned Grease.	William Foreman.
Chicken Manning.	Elisha Cochran.	Charley Keener.
Stephen Foreman.	Young Wolf.	John Mixedwater.
George Fields.	Joseph Woodward.	Tee-Soo-Yar-Kee.
Switzler Lowrey.	Green Terrill.	Joe-Cal-e-Sca-Wee.
William Roach.	Ave Grease.	Jacksoney.
Tom Keener.	Wilson Hair.	Censeeny.
Arch James.	Elijah Manning.	Cah-lur-Nur-hus-Ku.
Tah-cuh-yah-crow.	Daniel Woodall.	Jahnsoney.
William Guess.	Peter Hornet.	Toalton.
Looney Guess.	William McKay.	John Tucker.
Pigeon-on-the-tree.	Andrew Griffin.	Creek Bob.
George Woodward.	John Bingo.	Thomas Horn.
Keenah.	John Spears.	George.
Moses Scoutihu.	William Terrill.	Levi Keys.
Te-cah-soo-taw-tee.	George Pritchett.	N. B. Sanders.
Cunnick Sixkiller.	Black Fox.	Samuel Sanders.
George Ta-char-ke-se.	Thomas Scott.	Samuel Jumper.
Taw-you-ru-se.	Arch Keener.	Lewis Rigs.
Wilson.	James R. Hendricks.	George Spears.
Nedson.	David Israel.	Monroe Keys.
Youah Oomwah.	Samuel Kell.	Shelley Keys.
Ground Hog.	William Soap.	Pig Eagle.
John McCarty.	Martin North.	W. D. Sanders.
Moses Downing.	Eagle Brown.	Nicholas Sanders.
Bush Flying.	Jumper.	Arch McCay.
William Welch.	William Ice.	John R. Sanders.
Joe Hoostah.	Jasper Atkinson.	Jesse Sanders.
Wat.	D. Johnson.	Dry.
John George.	William Bird.	Pickup.
Da-cah.	Johnson Love.	William Pickup.
Ned.	Te-squah-noh-lah.	Runabout.
Michael Dann.	William Chambers.	Nur-tah-Wee-yer.
Robert Coodey.	Rider.	Stephen.
Thomas Coodey.	John.	Charles Prockter.
Ellis Johnson.	Ezekiel.	Jesse Still.
Black Bird.	Smoke Feeling.	Ezekiel Still.
Looney.	George Swimmer.	John Turner.

Dennis.	T. B. Wolfe.	Edwin Archer.
John Corey.	J. H. Conel.	Nelson Guess.
Fodder.	James Beaver.	Jno. L. Adair.
William Gritts.	Isaac Patts.	Turner Pigeon.
Six.	R. W. King.	Isaac Glass.
William Triplett.	J. A. King.	Ose Jew.
Crupper.	Richard King.	Hee-Lur-tas-Kee.
Ezekiel Procktor.	J. W. Wolfe.	Sun-e-goo-zer.
Johnson Chaimbers.	Jesse Wolfe.	Yar-too-Vann.
Andy R. Nave.	James Blythe.	Josh Glass.
Jno. A. Foreman.	Wash. Guess.	William Madden.
C. M. McClellan.	Geo. Guess.	Choo-Wa-loo-Key.
Charles Scraper.	Dick Pan.	Te-Hoo-yer.
James Shelton.	Cherokee Maning.	Johnson Goodmoney.
Flute Foxskin.	William Parrish.	John Large.
Jesse R. Guard.	C. Elisfisher.	Car-tu-gu-ski.
Ta Coal Te-e-Ski.	Jerry Fields.	John.
Thomas R. Goard.	Johnson Ross.	Ravin.
Coming.	Catcher Ta-hee.	Wah-Koo-ley.
John R. Goard.	Jasephus Bean.	Ta-Koo-Tu-ski.
John Parrish.	Walker Boat.	Zu-We-Yark.
Samuel Hawkins.	Lookout.	Ool-Seun-Nie.
John Boat.	David.	Archiler.
Deadfull.	Turner.	Willie.
Cah-lie-Chee.	Sunday.	War Sorte.
Lewis Mackley More.	Wash.	John King.
Johnson Parrish.	Joe Tarepin.	John Lynan.
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James Chaimbers.	Jackson Dickson.	William Hendricks.
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Messrs. LEWIS DOWNING,

Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation,

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Delegates to the City of Washington.

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J. B. Mayes.	Samuel Couch.	Bear Jones.
J. M. Lynch.	David Taylor.	Felix Witt.
Jesse Henry.	Eli Dorety.	G. W. Mayes.
David Rowe.	J. M. Bryan.	Robert Warford.
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Joseph Miller.	Clayborn Taylor.	Jupiter Choteau.
H. L. Foreman.	Martin Root.	Henry Rider.
David Tadpole.	Thomas Cox.	James Rider.
Jumper Mills.	Dumplin Old Fields.	C. V. M'Nair.
John Myers.	William Harlin.	James Teacher.
Robert Smith.	Samuel Mayes.	John Hensly, sr.
John Hicks.	Wiley N. Mayes.	Horok.
J. M. Thompson.	James A. Mayes.	William Colston.
Tick Eater.	W. H. Mayes.	Rotten.
John Riley.	William Raymond.	John Fowlin.
Jack Fox.	R. W. Lindsay.	Johnson Wah-sut.
Luis Wolf.	J. H. Baugh.	Davis Surroky.
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Mock Chamber.	James Price.	Dutch R. Gourd.
Moses Silk.	Oah Taska.	Edmun Dyer.
Jack Conner.	John Hilderbrand.	Clay.
Low-en.	Joseph Bollard.	Claudeas Shooboot.
Tick-aw-a-lus-ky.	John McNan.	John Duck.
Josiah Henry.	Tolbert McNan.	Bear Timpson
Benjamin Henry.	Joseph L. Martin.	John Hensly, jr.
Peter Henry.	John M. Adan.	William Corn-tassel.
Samuel Whirlwind.	Joel McDaniel.	Cummins.
Tah-ah-too-kah.	Simpson Coats.	Johnson Faulin.
William Sunday.	B. W. Alberty.	James H. Fly.
Jack Rope.	B. B. Lynch.	Wilson Colson.
Lewis Yah-tah.	Joe Martin, jr.	Thos. B. Hoof.
George Jones.	William McDaniel.	John Dougherty.
Oo-Tow-son.	Henry Milton.	Joseph Clay.
Mink.	Isaac Brown.	George Dick.
Outah.	Frank Ross.	Alexander Colston, jr.
William Pidgeon.	Joseph Wolf.	N. B. Chamberlain.
Paul.	Ormsted Nave.	Wm. C. Chamberlain.
John Schrimsher.	Cooley Nave.	A. N. Chamberlain.
Joseph Chambers.	William Fletcher.	Noysee Scraper.
Allen Gilbert.	David Alberty.	John Martin.
John Spencer.	Dr. P. A. Evans.	L. C. Martin.
Alexander Colston.	Alex. Rider.	H. T. Landraur, jr.
E. H. Armstrong.	Charles Rider.	Stephan Gobanno.
Big Nicholas.	Tack Rider.	George Wingfield.
Thos. Hill.	Josih Rogers.	E. L. Scrimpsheer.
J. Glass.	Antwine Rogers.	Newton Scrimpsheer.
R. M. Allen.	Robert Jupiter.	Thos. England.
Alexander Jonnycake.	Jupiter Choteau.	Thos. Beacon.
John Grass.	J. W. Choteau.	Wm. Beacon.
Edward Byrd.	Peter Smith.	George Walker.
Dan'l M'Coy.	Joseph Tassley.	Lewis Rogers.
Charley.	Charles Carpenter.	Oliver Moris.
Felix Nelurns.	Sutteska.	Larkin McGee.
Moses Smith.	Adam Buttyfly.	James Martin.

Henry Fields.	Jesse Mayes.	L. Smith.
Land Mills.	George Mayes, jr.	James Batteash.
Levi Adair.	Edward B. Mayes.	Henry Whiteday.
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John Ah-Tally.	Stuler.	Levi Silk.
Ice Ash-lully.	Sam'l Cower.	Wah-lah-nuter.
John Cockram, jr.	David.	Jim Simmons.
Tany R. Downing.	Dick Ekeesky.	Jessee Fawlin.
Corn Tassel.	Kah-yah-na.	Charly.
Homin Bird.	Cee-noo-way.	Spoon.
D. J. Davis.	Cha-loo-kee.	Big Pipe.
A. L. Rogers.	Lisk Hawk.	J. R. McNair.
Bean Rurgess.	Road Killer.	Bill Miller.
John Rogers.	Adam.	Simon McKing.
Herman Vann.	Tick-a-nooly.	John Hawk.
Little Torpin.	Ed. Seek.	James Vann.
Tom Hatchet.	Joshua Alberty.	Lovely Rogers.
Bull Frog.	Elijah Rider.	Robt. Hendreks.
Sune Co-yu.	David Vann.	John Cudson.
Josiah Swimmer.	Jim Sundy.	Ku Ku.
Ned Timpson.	John Sundy.	G. W. Tates.
Money.	Thos. Sunday.	A. G. Murry.
Can Seene.	Bill Rider.	R. A. Cumming.
Jerry Vann.	George Lowery.	J. McCoy.
John Sophky.	Moses Alberty.	Geo. Sullivan.
Harry Still.	Jessee Johnson.	Jas. Sullivan.
George Blanket.	Dick Daniel.	Jno. Price.
See Kelly.	Johnson Fisher.	D. F. Canby.
Bird Chopper.	Dean Kutt.	True Wolkly.
Wind.	Jas. Martin.	William Freyl.
Ska-quah.	Rubin Still.	Vann Chambers.
Cruckett.	Jas. McAlexander.	John Chambers.
Johnson.	Sam. M. Alexander.	Johnson Dick.
George Blackbird.	Peter McAlexander.	Too-quok-ta.
Ned Hammon.	J. Alexander, jr.	Turra Too Coohusky.
Mouse.	John Timpson.	Waina.
Red.	Willis Phillips.	Tee-na-lah.
Ska-quah.	John Halcheb.	Johnsiner Ticker.
Joe Steeler.	B. B. Nicholals.	Jakee-av-sulty.
Gabrial Rogers.	Vaught.	Archulty.
Nickee.	James Marcum.	Skaquah.
Blue.	Edward Adoir.	Tu Here.
Andrew.	Ah Lechee.	Kah Yah-ca-na.
Badger.	Jime Mills.	Ah-wa-quah.
John Acorn.	Thos. Gal Kilcher.	Wah-jah-tu-tlich.
Henry Jen.	George Mills.	Jarcher Glass.
Joe Jen.	Sah-wah-nee.	Jefferson.
Falds.	Ned Shop.	John L. McCay.
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J. E. Martin.	J. L. Martin, jr.	Kah-Cha-huly.
Henry Heteman.	Charles Stop.	Char-gu.
Charles Tico-nooly.	Moses Hammer.	Wah-yah.
Fred. Marcum.	Arch Ecoonne.	Tick-o-nah-lesky.

Jery Alberty.	Arch Walker.	Cull-sah-tu-hu.
J. T. Alberty.	John Smith.	Chaskuah Hooah.
Jim.	Frank Musgrove.	Oo-kah-soo-hu.
Ugee-tee-hei.	John Potatoe.	Cu-lee-skee-jah-nohter.
George Still.	Charles Potatoe.	Oo-ku-lak-li.
Ah-likig.	Josiah Bermin.	R. L. Martin.
Tim Davis.	Thos. Hill.	Will Buffington.
Wah-ku-coo.	Joseph Polridge.	Mackinsy Coots.
Tue-na-la-ni-sta.	John Captin.	Shu She.
Ioa.	Will Thompson.	Deawar Charley.
Chores Cortasky.	Thompson Secondine.	Joe Williams.
Kah Wah-sky.	Rob't J. E. Journeycake.	NereGeo.munah-coo-wa.
Nathan Tyner.	John Snake.	Na-luck-she.
Ah Kah-look-a.	Jno. Journeycake.	Big Buffalo.
Oo-me-stu-lu-tre.	David Thomas.	Big Brave.
Cunnucty.	Johnson Miller.	Sam Longcome.
Oo-tah.	Randolph Riley.	W. M. Shoiler.
Kally.	J. H. Coody.	James Swain.
Wully.	E. Coody.	James Wahoney.
Chu-lu-squata.	Looney Riley.	Sim Bluse.
Tah Cha-cu-su.	Wm. Walker.	Horse.
George Mills, jr.	Jack Welstack.	W. M. Suttund.
Moses Glory.	S. Riley.	Billy Wilson.
John Coh-ta-cal-a.	Rufus Riley.	Tie-le-ph-coo-wa.
Eu Jay-su.	Alexander Carter.	John Wilson.
Oo-nah Chookat.	W. P. Ponott.	Hiram Landrum.
Cohtah Quot-skee.	J. R. Coker.	Joe Landrum.
Archu.	Wm. Daniel.	John Landrum.
Joe You-noh-ne.	Wah-lequ-na-hu.	Que-she-hing.
Charles Davis.	Elk Hau.	Willis Beaver.
Coo-boo-boo.	Tilly Texie.	Frank Pe-chalker.
Lacy.	Wani-haca-why.	Coffin Eroitt.
Nuck-tu-ta-nu.	Benj. Journeycake.	James San-gu-noris.
Dick Duck.	Forast Manor.	George Swane.
Dicker.	Young Martin.	John Swane.
Quah-la-koo.	Frenchman.	Joe Thompson.
Arhter.	Simon Ketchum.	C. C. Burnette.
Skera-too-ka.	Best Quality.	John Williams.
Willy Skalaly.	Four Mile.	John Reney.
Jakee.	Joe Wilson.	Pachu Ketoo-na.
Cah-nos-kusky.	Cony Wilson.	French Wilson.
Archy Killer.	Kas-kee-coo-nee.	Arthur Armstrong.
Johnsiner.	Tom Boo-way.	Laem E. Cummins.
Tickanuskyy.	Len-noo-we-sho.	White Turkey.
Lowena.	Loo-pund-acund.	Toad-a-whic-cuming.
Johnse-su-carta.	John Rossel.	Nonda-la-mond.
O. Lee.	W. M. Swain.	Anderson Sarcoxie.
Tucker.	Tuch-shah.	William Sarcoxie.
Tuck-wah.	Car-pace-see-noo.	Jackson Simon.
Ah-nu-tow-na.	George Cammins.	Docktor Mull.
Cart-a-quee-a.	Ferry Boy.	Joe Beaver.
A. W. Ketchum.	John R. Boston.	Len-o-we-see.
Isaac Journeycake.	B. F. Adair.	Oll-la-pin-a-cumin.
Wm. T. Ketchum.	A. M. Daniel.	Kas-kee-he-cuming.
George Ketchum.	J. F. Thompson.	Pow-ohic-cund.
Joseph Griffin.	J. R. Martin.	Shau-pa-a-hay.

John Secondine.	Cicero H. Morton.	Joe Half-moon.
Adam Wilson.	Bowers Morton.	Billy Paskall.
Andrew Miller.	Rob't Rogers.	Gustavus Davis.
C. C. Armstrong.	W. W. McDaniel.	Tap-she-cah.
Samuel Lucus.	L. B. Bill.	Edger Half-moon.
Wm. Armstrong.	Len-ah-pay.	John Moses.
John Sarcoxie.	Zachary Taylor.	Little Buffalo.
James Longears.	W. M. Altwine.	S. B. Love.
Euegen White.	Jim White.	Solomon Love.
Tulhim him-noo-wah.	Big Mockason.	Tallee Kase.
Jim Shanghie.	Thompson Smith.	Jacob Secondine.
William Sarcoxie.	John Kinny.	Jose Ketchum.
Thos. L. Rogers.	Docktor Black.	John Ballett.
John Brown.	Jesse Miller.	George Ballette.
W. H. Marshall.	Edward Wilson.	Simon Ballett.
Alvin Daniel.	James Day.	Little Bullitt.
Sam Longears.	John Noah.	John Stout.
John Brown, jr.	John George.	George Conner.
Nin-gome Ritter.	Johnson Thomas.	A. W. M. Half-moon
Thos. Anderson.	John Willey.	Cap. Jno. Connor.
Thos. Wilson.	James Harrison.	William Connor.
Big Field.	Thos. Lee.	A. E. Campston.
Ah-hum-nee.	Alexand. Conner.	Charles Coody.
Curly Hard.	John Love.	James Connor.
Root Curly Hard.	George Moonshine.	Thos. Eroit.
Harry-onae.	John Love, jr.	William White.

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DEAR SIRs: The names herewith inclosed are the names of our district, all of which are unanimous against a territorial government, and earnestly ask the United States government to spare us from such speedy destruction.

We officially witness the signatures.

J. B. MAYES,

Clerk Circuit Court.

DAVID ROWE,

Judge Circuit Court, N. J. Ct., Cherokee Nation.

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TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 5, 1870.

GENTLEMEN: It has come to our knowledge that it is seriously proposed to introduce in the Congress of the United States, measures having for their object the placing the various Indian tribes and nations of the southwest under a territorial government, other than the general council provided for by the treaties of 1866.

We need not remind you that the establishment of such a government over us would work our certain and speedy extinction by subjecting us to the absolute rule of a people foreign to us in blood, language, customs, traditions, and interest, who would speedily possess themselves of our homes, degrade us in our own estimation, and leave us a prey to the politician and land speculator, thus destroying the unity of our race, and producing national disintegration.

We have received the above information with apprehension and serious alarm, regarding, as we do, the above policy, if adopted by Congress, as the prelude to our funeral march to the grave, and we enter our solemn, deliberate, and unanimous protest against the consummation of so unjust, oppressive, and cruel a measure, calling on all the various Indian tribes and nations of the southwest to co-operate with us in resisting such measures by all lawful, peaceful, and honorable means at their command.

We do not believe, however, that a majority of the Congress of the United States would be found to sanction a scheme calculated to prove so destructive to us as a people, so subversive of the policy of the United States government from its earliest dealings with the Indians, and the inevitable tendency of which would be to blot us out of existence, both as a people and as individuals.

We hereby proclaim ourselves the friends of the United States government; that we are ready to defend it with our lives, if necessary; that all we ask is that its legislative body will not forget that we hold our lands in fee simple, by letters patent from the President of the United States; that those lands were bought and paid for in cash, and in exchange for lands deemed more desirable by the United States; and that our national character is recognized and confirmed again and again by the highest laws known to political societies, namely, treaties; which guarantee that the jurisdiction of no State or Territory of the United States shall ever be placed over us without our consent. All we ask is that good faith and justice be shown to us, and that a policy may not be adopted toward us which would be productive only of evil, and which could never be practically enforced without our utter destruction.

We know that we are but few in numbers and weak, while the people of the United States are many and strong, and we appeal to their greatness and magnanimity to spare us from a forced extinction. We had been "moving on" for generations, and hoped when we had settled here that we had at length found a place of rest, and that our council fires would burn as brightly west of the Father of Waters as they had done centuries ago on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Like the people of the United States, we are men created by the same God, and accountable to Him for our acts, and we beseech our white brethren not to stir up strife which would result in depriving us of every remaining right and guarantee now enjoyed by us. The doctrine that irresistible destiny requires our national extinction, and with it our annihilation as individuals, is abhorrent to the feelings of a common humanity, and we implore the people and government of the United States not to precipitate our

fate by doing violence not only to solemn treaty stipulations, but to the laws of nature and of nature's God.

Finally, in the exercise of the right of petition "for the redress of grievances, and the discussion of rights," guaranteed to us by article second, treaty of 1846, we hereby request you, as our chief and our national delegates at the city of Washington, to place this our respectful remonstrance against the policy foreshadowed by the information which has reached us, before the President of the United States and heads of the executive departments, and before the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

With great respect and confidence in your fidelity and patriotism, we are, gentlemen, very sincerely, yours, &c.

Moses Alberty.	Big Witzett.	Joseph Weaver.
John D. Buffington.	Fiss Tankesly.	Wage Parris.
George Alberty.	M. Gormley.	James McLuor.
Elis Alberty.	Al. Deningburg.	William McLuor.
John Alberty, sr.	Louis Deningburg.	Balus Langly.
John Alberty, jr.	N. B. Deningburg.	James Garner.
Blewfor Alberty.	Ben Forman.	J. Bell.
W. C. Ghormley.	J. L. Bigby.	W. A. Musgroves.
D. V. Ghormley.	Tho. Davis.	Henry Crittenton.
W. A. Ghormely.	M. Davis.	George Crittenton.
E. C. Ghormely.	Glan Davis.	Tho. Buffington.
Abram. Ghormley.	John Gott.	Lefort Buffington.
T. B. Adair.	Jack Gott.	Harlen Eaton.
John Adair, sr.	Joe Gott.	Charles Duncan.
John Adair, jr.	Mark Gott.	J. Scot.
Timothy Colins.	Wat Gott.	Rease Mitchel.
Robert Colines.	George Dickeskey.	Henry Alen.
George Colines.	John Alberty, sr.	George Parris.
Harrison Fletcher.	Charles Viery.	Dan Forman.
Big Fletcher.	Frank Viery.	William Crouder.
Andrew Fealds.	Joe Collins.	Buck Morten.
James Fealds.	John Collins.	Nute Morten.
Dick Fealds.	Jack Wright.	William Bright.
Andy Fealds.	Dock Wright.	Samuel Bright.
John Dougherty.	Calep Wright.	Jacob Woodall.
John Roberts.	Jesey Wright.	James Philips.
A. B. Aknes.	Cornelius Wright.	William Phillips.
Andrew Aknes.	Eli Wright.	Jack Perch.
Frank Aknes.	George Whitmore.	Wellington Sherly.
A. C. Aknes.	C. H. Whitmore.	Josh Williams.
Andrew Dickesker.	J. R. Whitmore.	Milerd Duncan.
Buck Dickesker.	Stephen Whitmore.	Moses Phleps.
James Dickesker.	George Rees.	Moses Crittenton, sr.
J. Adair.	John Klymes.	Isicks Howell.
Ole Adair.	Murry Rees.	William Winton.
E. E. Adair.	Orrin Beck.	James Crittenton.
J. T. Adair.	Ben King.	John Christie.
Samuel Adair.	J. W. Morgen.	Jack Clevenland.
Elis Dickesker.	James Morgen.	Lius Forman.
Calip Dickesker.	Mark Morgen.	Adum Perlone.
Cooper Dickesker.	Joseph Stair.	D. W. Anderson.
David Bigbey.	Edward Stair.	Black Still.

Augustus Rider.	Wat Stair.	Kianer Plesent.
Tho. Rider.	Henry Philips.	William Beck.
John Been.	Eligh Philips.	Noah Langly.
Jack Rider.	Franklin Philips.	Andrew Paris.
B. F. Goss.	Wiley Kelly.	James Paris.
Walter Goss.	Levi Robins.	Ezkel Taylor.
Arch Alberty.	Robert Williams.	Buner Sanders.
Tale Sixkiller.	Franklin Musgrove.	Tah-Katy.
Frog Sixkiller.	Tho. Alberty.	Henry.
Samuel Still.	Henry Mitchel.	Wat.
Ab. Downing.	Mike Mitchel.	Miller Bug.
John Walker.	John Mitchel.	Jacob.
Solger Sixkiller.	William Mitchel.	Elick.
Wash Lee.	Frank Mitchel.	Killer More.
Abraham Sixkiller.	William Still.	Wrighter.
Path-killer.	Aron Crittenton.	Hunter.
Taylor Sixkiller.	James Walds.	David Sanders.
Aron Wilkerson.	George Still.	Tah-Nisen.
Mixt Warter.	Yelow Hamer.	Johnson.
Will Sixbits.	Jesey Alberty.	Left-Out.
Braver Tiger.	James Beamler.	White.
Tho. Still.	John Martin.	Jackson.
Edward Forman.	Aldmond Martin.	Hominey.
Six Downing.	Noah Whisenhart.	Cornelus.
Robert Forman.	William Musgrove.	James Crittenton.
John Thornton.	Levi Fulsom.	Lone Punkin.
Ben Haney.	Arch.	William Manus.
Green Paris.	Ground Squirrel.	Samuel Manus.
James Coss.	William Homgy.	Seake Manus.
Elis Forman.	Lew Williams.	Chucanner Manus.
Smith Burghear.	George Eaton.	William Berns.
Edward Still.	William Beck, sr.	Junper Steelor.
Peach-Eater Sixkiller.	Adam Hamer.	Speeker.
Tylor Forman.	Joseph Cherey.	Caller.
Samuel Crittenton.	Scull Downing.	Paunch.
John Crittenton.	Black Fox.	Jack.
Isack Woodall.	Fisher.	Henry Paunch.
Jones Sixkiller.	Eli Sanders.	Lasey.
William Leach.	Jack Crittenton.*	John.
Sun-Shine.	Bak.	Thomas.†
Samuel Jones.	Wash-you-Fase.	Charley Blossom.
Samuel Beck.	Read Bird.	War Dick.
Joseph Kelly.	Bender Bout.	Noe-Name-Walker.
Louis Holt.	Hooper.	OO-la-heth-Miller Bug.
Tho. Kelley.	Young Duck.	Peach-eator.
Wilson Bushyhead.	Stand.	Bushyhead.
John Robines.	William Crittenton.	Sultea Skey.
Ezkel Proctor.	Tho. Butlar.	John.
Adam Proctor.	Tho. Sanders.	Return.
John Still.	Hunter.	William Pritchit.
James Still.	Rider Steapens.	Squirrel Tunah.
Richard Timberlak.	John Sanders, sr.	Grub Worm.
Jack Still.	Tuguter.	Joseph Proctor.
Iseck Vam.	Squirrel.	Leaf-on-a-Tree.
David Baldrege.	George Sanders.	Ground Hog.
Youn Spike.	Cloud.	James Walker.

Nelson Forman.	Frank Sanders.	Jackson Walker.
Going-down-the-Branch	James Crittenton.	Cu-Cu Nater.
Andrew Pelam.	Ira Roe.	Arch Baldrige.
John Spon.	Crawsin.	Young Bird.
William Lucus.	Ritchard Woolf.	Spade.
Banter.	Clun-ta Qunnah.	Daniel.
Cloud Louis.	Samuel Englen.	John Silk.
Greese.	Isack Cherey.	Hawk Stinging.
Phileps.	Dick Crittenton.	Nuse Toter.
Bush.	Gluver Thornton.	Se-que-che-chee.
Jack Bird.	Joseph Thornton.	John Eli.
Johnson Trout.	Annus Thornton.	Cum Back.
Young Pig Arch.	Ned Clunt-ta Qunnah.	Jack Sope.
John Rat.	Bee Hunter.	Solder Forkiller.
Dave Rat.	Young Duck Sundy.	Dave Hider.
Jesey Paris.	Mike.	J. S. Hider.
• Wat Rusty Billey.	Leading.	Rusty Thorn.
John Large.	Little Taripen.	Dick Fool.
Peater Drye.	Cosalowey.	Larkin Forkiller.
Walter Fealen.	Barr Paw.	John Stunt.
OO-Si-eat.	William Manus.	Jacob Sixkiller.
Louis Woolf.	Aron Gong Woolf.	John Proctor.
David Black Fox.	John Shell.	Tah-lah-sem.
Bird Willson.	OO-Na-Nutz.	Lock Morten.
Elick Elit.	Young Bird Hevy.	John R. Gord.
Steney.	Tah-Che-Chee.	Thomas Walkingstick.
OO-la-huter.	Daniel Webster.	Root.
Arch Kiler.	John Walkingstick.	William Morten.
OO Cow Nulor.	Jesey Shell.	Bull Frog Downey.
David Man.	Dick Ketcher.	Doler Stinging.
Thomson Been.	Willson Bull Frog.	Touneat Twist.
Isack Spider.	Twist Step.	George Hughes.
John Drye.	Young Hider.	David Miller.
Elis Woolf.	Turning Sumersets.	Phileps.
OO Sou We.	Young Spike Buck.	Berry Crittenton.
Ben Kiney.	Young Chicken.	Elickander Hughes.
Ezkel Black Fox.	Hunter.	Clah Seen More.
Young Deer.	Thomas Forkiller.	Sol Townsend.
Will Pidgen.	Léaf Carrier.	Luney Townsend.
Dave Pidgen.	Toset Shell.	Tandy Townsend.
Runa Bout.	Louis Blackwood.	Walter Townsend.
Danel Wat.	Nathen.	George Word.
Burning.	Jack Been.	Elick Word.
Tree Killer.	John Ross.	Bryant Word.
Tah Cu-laner.	Ste-he-gah.	Jef. Word.
Linken Englen.	Thomas Sope.	Thomas Word, sr.
Chu-We-Sker.	Dugister.	Thomas Word, jr.
Ben Chip.	James Walkinstick.	Edward Downing.
Jackson.	Louis Walkinstick.	Thomas Wagnor.
Esau Englent.	Shoing Out.	Samuel Henson.
Jack Phesent.	Ketcher.	OO-ta-sen-nah.
Thomas Git.	Gutter.	Ni-li-ka-yah.
Corn Tasel.	Joseph Crittenton.	Santifee.
John Tickeneskey.	Standing Buck.	See Wagee.
Thomson Van.	M. Pritchett.	Deart Eater.
William Eubanks.	Fixeng.	Huping-about.

Lewis Corn Tasel.	Jack Bell.	John Walker.
Tieskey.	Edward Walkinstick.	Coffey.
Sicatah-we.	Black Bird.	N. Bèag Talker.
Samel Walker.	Dave Houk.	Hawk.
Thomas Walker.	Swinn.	Golaspy Bore Boy.
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